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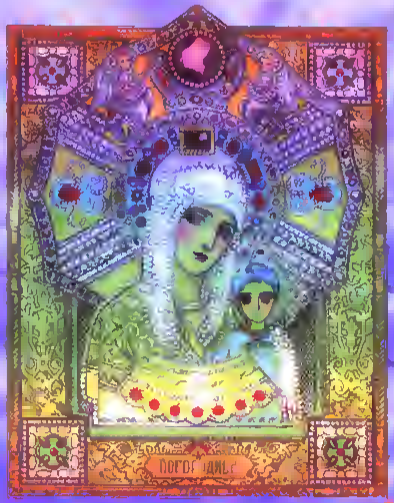

美少年に変身

満名の依頼で、ロマノフ王朝を破滅に追い込んだ怪僧ラスプーチンが愛用していた「呪いの十字架」の鑑定をすることになったカムイ。
だがその直後、満名が姿を消してしまった。
カムイは満名をさがすため、ロシアへと向かうが――!?

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INTRODUCTION PAGE

Sena Takuto

He s a man of mystery, a student of Yoka University and currently deferring his studies. Acclaimed to be the descendent of Russia s last princess Princess Anastasia. His identity is acknowledged by Milukov.

Tsubaki Kamui

Grand daughter of Tsubaki Juugorou the acclaimed genius antiquarian. She learnt all her skills from her grandfather. She is a second year student in the high school managed by Yoka University.

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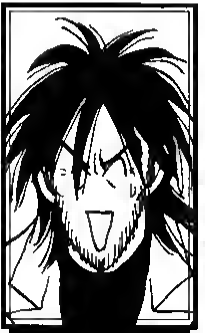
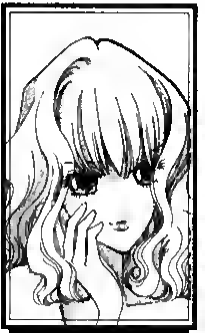


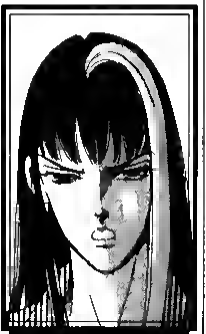
Professor Daiichi Kou

Professor of Yoka University



Hoshi Ikatsuchi ou Otto

Sena's ex-girlfriend

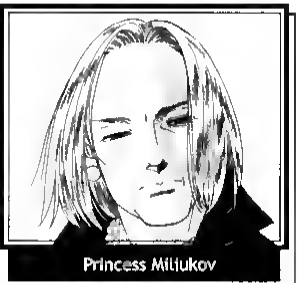


Sumi Reisuke

Sena's classmate

Vladimir Nikolayevich Davidov

He's a talented ballet dancer who's the adopted son of Princess Miliukov



Princess Miliukov

Related to Romanov Royal Family by blood

③ Story so far...

Because of the investigation of the Romanov Easter Eggs, Sena and Kamui met each other. Sena claimed to be the grandson of Princess Anastasia. As he resembled Alexander III's picture, which was found within the Easter Egg, he was acknowledged as the descendent of Romanov Royal Family. Later, Princess Miliukov wanted to adopt Sena and bring him along to travel the world. However, Sena turned down the offer to be her adopted son.

Lot.13

"IF SOMEONE TRIES TO KILL ME, RASPUTIN,
THEN YOU, THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA,
AND YOUR BELOVED FAMILY AND RELATIVES,
WILL REMAIN ALIVE FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS.
YOU WILL DIE IN THE HANDS OF RUSSIANS."

Romanov Secret Treasure Exhibition
OH... MY.
HOW MUCH ARE THESE WORTH?
NO WONDER IT'S THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST ROMANOV MONARCH.

RIGHT, KAMUI?
THE TRAGEDY HAPPENED ABOUT 80 YEARS AGO,
BECAUSE OF THE REVOLUTION, THE EMPEROR AND ROYAL FAMILY WERE BRUTALLY KILLED.
WAS OVERRULED BY THE REVOLUTION THAT HAPPENED OVERNIGHT.
TIME IS A REALLY CRUEL THING-THE MONARCH HAD RULED FOR 300 YEARS,
Kamui
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KAMUI?
AFTER THIS, THEY WERE MURDERED, LIFE IS SO UNPREDICTABLE-
THE LAST EMPEROR NICHOLAS II AND EMPRESS TSARINA
THIS IS THE PHOTO OF
Kamui
thinking like Kamui
Kamui
Ushas

PERHAPS I'M READING TOO MUCH INTO IT
BUT I'M EXCITED!
THINK ABOUT IT, HE SENT US THE ENTRANCE TICKETS
HE MUST BE BACK IN JAPAN!
SENA MUST BE AROUND HERE
I FEEL THAT...
ARE YOU MORE INTERESTED IN LIVING BEINGS?

HE'S RIGHT
THE MOMENT WHERE SENA KISSED ME SEEMS LIKE A DRE
HE'S ALWAYS COME AND GO LIKE THE WIND
IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHETHER THAT BAKA IS BACK OR NOT...
AFTER THIS WHILE, THAT BAKA HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING RIGHT?
DEFERRING HIS STUDIES AT YOKA UNIVERSITY TO GO TO RUSSIA, THEN BACK TO JAPAN ——

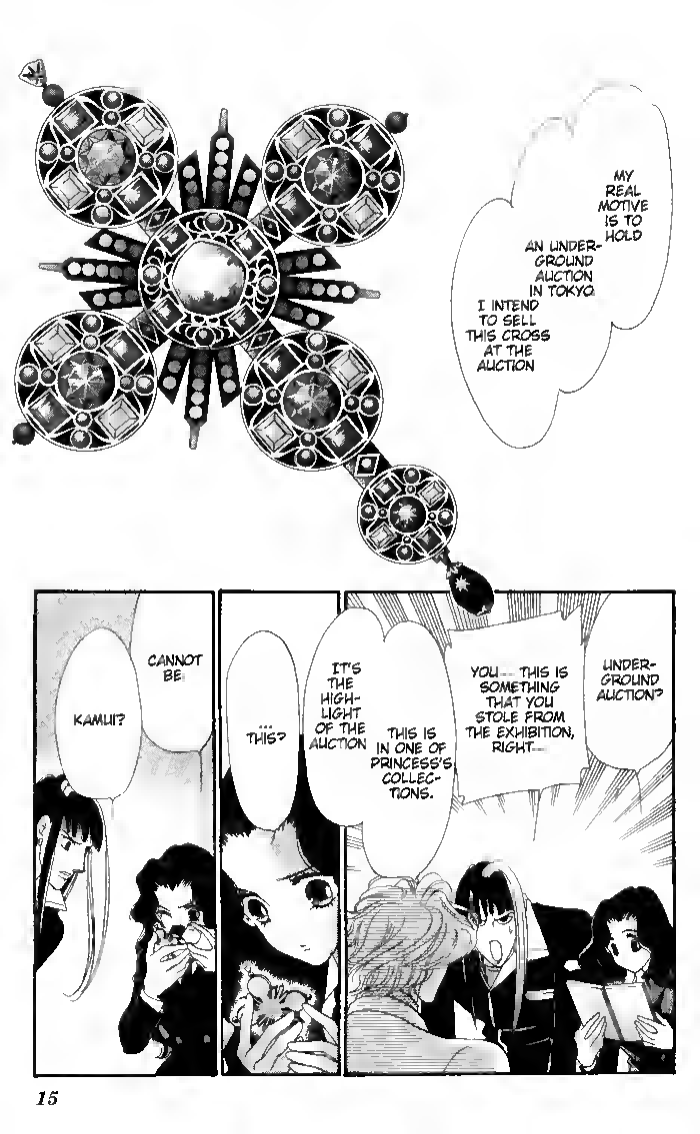
ALTHOUGH YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT OF HIM,
I'M STIL IN LOVE WITH HIM BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT SENA'S FEELING TOWARDS ME IS
SUCH AN AMBIGUOUS RELATIONSHIP
SIGH
IT MUST BE HARD ON SENA TOO,
SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED WITHIN SUCH A SHORT TIMEFRAME
SHOU SUMI?
HMM? NO RESPONSE? SHOU SUMI?
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT..
AH!
66
Gregory Efimovich Rasputin
(date of birth unkown ~ 1916)

"HE WAS BORN A FARMER, BUT HE WAS AN EVIL MONSTER, WHO CONTROLLED THE ROMANOV ROYAL COUPLE IN THE DARK. IN THE END, HE WAS ASSASSINATED BY THE PEOPLE WHO FEARED HIM."
"RASPUTIN WAS A ECCENTRIC MONK
"WHO HAD THE POWER TO PREDICT THE FUTURE AND HEAL THE SICK.
THIS IS SO WEIRD. JUST LOOKING AT THE THIS PHOTO MAKES MY HAIR STAND
HE REALLY IS THE MOST TERRIFYING, MOST STRANGE UNCLE TO STAND IN HISTORY.
FOOLISH PEOPLE WHO
STAND BEFORE ME!
The picture is talking to us?
Huh?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT ME
THAT YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH?!
ROMANOV EMPIRE WAS WIPED OUT AS RESULT OF MY CURSE! I AM INVINCIBLE!
I AM THE DEVIL THAT WILL NEVER DIE..

"I AM..
GREGORY EFIMOVICH RASPUTIN..."
SENA...

* Orthodox Bible used by the Russians during their prayers
ANOTHER THING, THE SPOTLIGHTS FOR NUMBER 45 BIBLE IS TOO DARK
YES, MR SENA
RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR WILL BRING THE GUESTS OVER FOR A TOUR AT 3 PM
Huh? What?
YES, MR SENA
AH, MR. SENA,
IT MUST BE HARD ON YOU
I ALREADY PUT BACK THE CORRECT SIGN
RELAX! RELAX!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
YOU'LL BE SCOLDED BY THEM!
Throne of Emperor Nicholas II 19C
SENA?
I'M ORGANIZED THIS SECRET TREASURE EXHIBITION.
Sponsored by Russian Ambassador Culture Department
Co Sponsored by Milliukove Romanov

I HOPE TO BECOME A REPUTABLE ENTREPRENEUR IN TRADING ART PIECES.
NOW I AM HERE AS AN ART DEALER INTERN, TO GAIN EXPERIENCE
AND ASSISTED US IN MAKING THIS EXHIBITION SUCH A BIG EVENT
THANKS TO THE PRINCESS, THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE
ALTHOUGH MY IDENTITY IS ONLY A CONTRACT STAFF OF EUROPEAN AUCTION HOUSE,
FOR REAL
SO YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE BUSINESS IN TRADING ART-
...
YOU'RE REALLY SHARP
I SEE THAT CUNNING LOOK AGAIN
BEING AN INTERN IS JUST A SMOKESCREEN.
LOOK AT HOW YOU MAKE YOURSELF SOUND SO INCREDIBLE, YOU'RE JUST MAKING A FOOL OF US, RIGHT?
YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND, RIGHT?

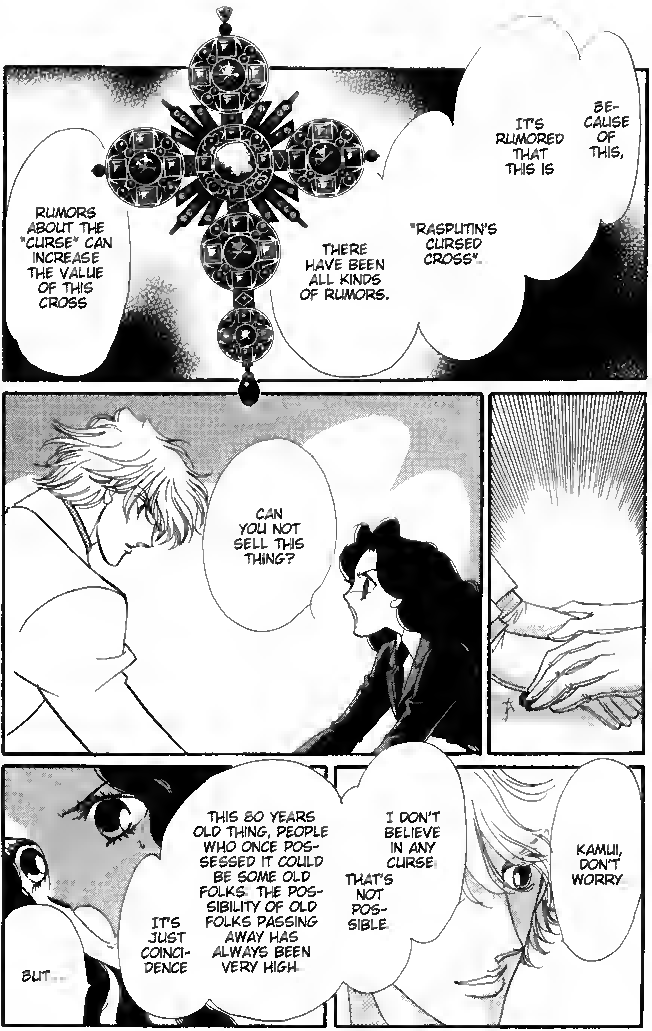

MY REAL MOTIVE IS TO HOLD AN UNDER-GROUND AUCTION IN TOKYO.
I INTEND TO SELL THIS CROSS AT THE AUCTION
UNDER-GROUND AUCTION?
YOU— THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU STOLE FROM THE EXHIBITION, RIGHT—
THIS IS IN ONE OF PRINCESS'S COLLEC-TIONS.
IT'S THE HIGH-LIGHT OF THE AUCTION
...THIS?
CANNOT BE.
KAMUI?

ATROCIOUS
I FEEL MUCH BETTER STARTING THE BID AT A HIGHER PRICE
AFTER HEARING THIS FROM YOU, MY HEART IS AT EASE
THIS WILL LEAD TO A HUGE DISCOUNT IN PRICE
IT'S QUITE HEAVY I THINK THE BASE IS NOT GOLD, SHOULD BE LEAD
IT'S ONLY SOMEWHAT AGED PRODUCT
THE PRODUCTION DATE, NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IS WITHIN 100 YEARS.
THOUGH IT'S DECORATED WITH DIAMONDS AND GEMS,
THE STORY BEHIND IT IS...
THIS
YOU PURPOSEFULLY WANTED TO PUT THIS ON AUCTION DURING THE UNDERGROUND AUCTION, IS IT BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND THIS CROSS?
YOU'RE GOOD.

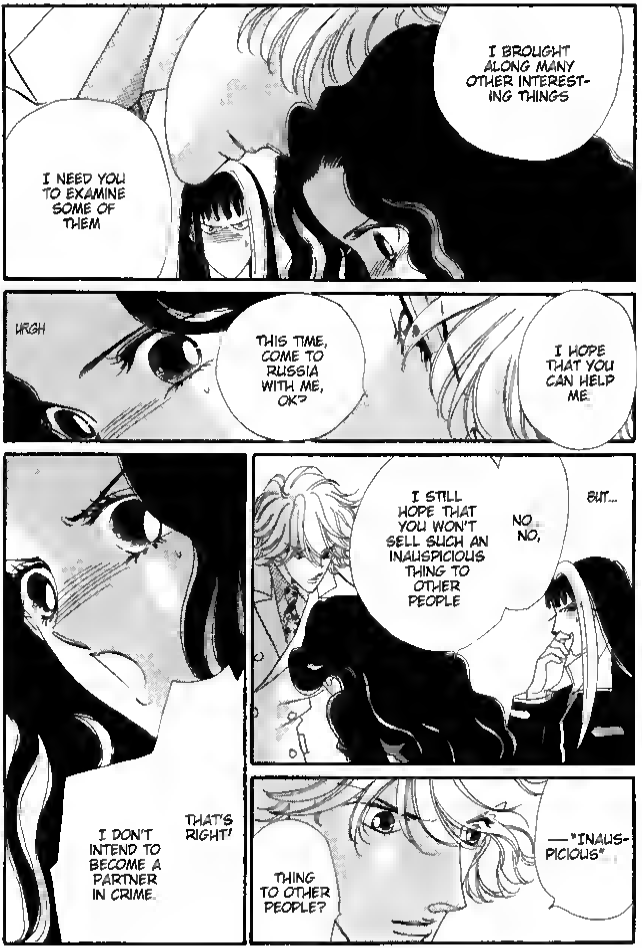
※ Something that's existed for more than 100 years can then be called an antique

—
JUST NOW THAT PHOTO,
IT'S THE CROSS HE WORE IN FRONT OF HIS CHEST?
AND THIS CROSS —
TO DATE ALREADY KILLED 3 PEOPLE.
THIS IS THE "CURSED CROSS OF RASPUTIN"

GAVE A PREMONITION OF DEFEAT IN THE WAR, THE REVOLUTION, AND HIS OWN DEATH
RASPUTIN, EVIL IS IN HIS BLOOD, THIS "HOLY DEVIL",
IT WAS SAID THAT HIS ASSASSINATORS, THOSE WHO FEARED HIM, NOT ONLY POISONED HIM WITH CYANIDE, BUT EVEN SHOT HIM MULTIPLE TIMES. YET HE STILL MANAGED TO ESCAPE DEATH
IN THE END, HE WAS BEATEN TO DEATH, UNTIL HE WAS ALL BRUISED AND HIS EYES FLEW OUT.
FINALLY, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE RIVER. HIS FINGERS COULD STILL DRAW A CROSS IN THE AIR.
THE THREE, WHO KEPT THIS CROSS FOR ALMOST 6 YEARS, ALL DIED MYSTERIOUSLY.

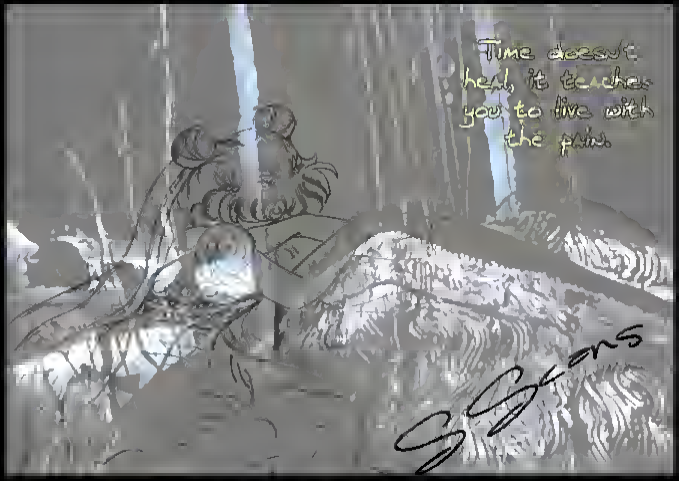

RUMORS ABOUT THE "CURSE" CAN INCREASE THE VALUE OF THIS CROSS
THERE HAVE BEEN ALL KINDS OF RUMORS.
"RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS".
IT'S RUMORED THAT THIS IS
BE-CAUSE OF THIS,
CAN YOU NOT SELL THIS THING?
BUT...
IT'S JUST COINCI-DENCE
THIS 80 YEARS OLD THING, PEOPLE WHO ONCE POS-SESSED IT COULD BE SOME OLD FOLKS. THE POS-SIBILITY OF OLD FOLKS PASSING AWAY HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY HIGH.
THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE
I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY CURSE.
KAMUI, DON'T WORRY.

DON'T YOU REMEMBER? PRINCESS HAS THE ROMANOV WORLD CLOCK.
RUMORS ABOUT THE "CURSE" ARE SIMPLY RUMORS
BEFORE THIS, SHE HAD A LITTLE COLD BUT SHE IS STILL IN GOOD HEALTH
PRINCESS HAD THIS CROSS FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
IT'S BECAUSE NIKOLAYEVICH SAID THAT THIS THING IS A BIT SPOOKY, THAT'S WHY THE PRINCESS IS SELLING IT AWAY!
THEN WHY DID PRINCESS WANT YOU TO SELL THIS?
IN THE END, DIDN'T YOU PROVE THAT IT WASN'T CURSED?
EVERYBODY SAID THAT THE CLOCK STOPPED WORKING BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN CURSED BY RASPUTIN.
HUH?
UNDER-STAND.


I BROUGHT ALONG MANY OTHER INTERESTING THINGS
I NEED YOU TO EXAMINE SOME OF THEM
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN HELP ME.
THIS TIME, COME TO RUSSIA WITH ME, OK?
URGH
BUT...
NO, NO,
I STILL HOPE THAT YOU WON'T SELL SUCH AN INAUSPICIOUS THING TO OTHER PEOPLE
—"INAUSPICIOUS" THING TO OTHER PEOPLE?
THAT'S RIGHT!
I DON'T INTEND TO BECOME A PARTNER IN CRIME.

GRANDFATHER DIDN'T RAISE ME TO DO SUCH THINGS.
KAMUI'S GREAT!
THAT GUY'S NOT ONLY A BAKA, HE'S A DEVIL AS WELL!
Yoka University
OKAY THEN
KAMUI

WHEN IT OCCURED TO ME THAT I WON'T SEE SENA AGAIN, I...
ジッ
すっ
YOU... YOU MUST NOT BEHAVE LIKE THIS...
ONE-SIDED LOVE... HOW PATHETIC...
ぎゅっ
BUT... I'M REGRETTING
WHAT?
I EVEN MISSED THE "INTERESTING ANTIQUE" AND "GREAT ANTIQUE" PROGRAMS I USED TO WATCH EVERY DAY...
I FEEL SO LISTLESS... AFTER THAT DAY...
THE PLACE WHERE THAT BAKA IS TAKING KAMUI MUST BE A "DEVIL'S PATH"...
NOT AGREEING TO IT IS RIGHT!


Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.
Sisters